

**Preacher's Pen**  
**Sunday, March 12, 2006**

**“ Yes, You Have To Repent “ (part 1 of 2)**

*“There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish,” (Luke 13:1-3)*

Thus far in our study of “What Do I HAVE to do to be saved?” we have observed the commands from scripture that we hear and/or read God's written word and that we then must choose to believe it and have faith in Jesus Christ as the resurrected Son of the true and living God. This morning, beginning with the verses above, we will begin to look at our need to repent.

Repentance, as a word, seems to be yet another 2000 plus year old word that so many English speaking folks have designated different meanings for – rather than the meaning designated by God.

Often times, folks will speak of having repented in the same way as when walking through the forever crowded mall we bump into someone and quickly say, “excuse me” or “I'm sorry”. What seems to have gotten lost is the aspect of the Bible word repent, that mandates a change in life and lifestyle.

To get around this, many who wear the name “Christian” compare themselves (just as folks were doing in the passage above) with other human beings and surmise that since they “aren't that bad”, they must be “good enough” to be granted eternal life in Heaven.

Jesus rebuked that notion and said that without repentance that results in a change in behavior, the end state is to “... likewise perish”.

Yes, you HAVE to repent. Let us study together and obey.

In Christian Love and Service,  
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